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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR IZ
SUBJECT: IRAQI UN MISSION ACQUISITION OF FIREARMS

REF: BAGHDAD 21

1. FONMIN DG OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, WISSAM ZAHAWI, CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE ON MARCH 3 AND RAISED SUBJECT OF THE MISSING 30 MACHINE GUNS. HE SAID HE HAD TALKED TO AMBASSADOR SHAIKHLY WHEN HE WAS IN BAGHDAD AND HAD READ SHAIKHLY'S REPORT CAREFULLY. HE SAID THAT NEITHER HE NOR SHAIKHLY COULD EXPLAIN WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE THIRTY WEAPONS.. AS FAR AS THEY KNEW, THE THIRTY WEAPONS HAD NEVER BEEN DELIVERED.

2. ZAHAWI THEN ASKED THAT THE MATTER BE CONSIDERED CLOSED.

3. I REPLIED THAT I WOULD REPORT HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON, BUT I DOUBTED THAT WASHINGTON WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH HIS EXPLANATION. I SAID THAT THE USG HAD VERY GOOD EVIDENCE THAT 100 WEAPONS HAD BEEN DELIVERED INCLUDING A SIGNED RECEIPT. ZAHAWI REPLIED THAT THE RECEIPT HAD BEEN SIGNED BY THE DOORMAN WHO DID NOT CHECK THE BOXES AND HAD NOT KNOWN WHAT HE WAS SIGNING FOR.

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3. COMMENT: IRAQIS HAVE APPARENTLY DECIDED TO STONEWALL ON THIS ONE. AT SAME TIME THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MATTER CLOSED BEFORE THEIR NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE UN ARRIVES. I SEE NO POINT IN LETTING THEM OFF THE HOOK. I RECOMMEND THAT I BE INSTRUCTED TO REPLY THAT USG IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THEIR EXPLANATION AND STILL HOPES THAT THE OTHER

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30 WEAPONS WILL BE RETURNED.
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